

VILLAGE OF WESTPHALIA
COUNCIL MEETING
November 7, 2022

The meeting of the Westphalia Village Council was called to order by President Tim Fandel at 7:00 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance given to the flag.

Council Members in Attendance:

Tim Fandel, President	Steve Miller, Member	Tanner Droste, Member
David Boswell, Clerk	Bill Schmitt, Member	Kevin Krzeminski, Member
Phil Smith, Member	Jim Pivarnik, Member	

Guests:

Deputy Dan Spitzley, Clinton County Sheriff's Department
Brant Mercer, Fleis & Vandenbrink Engineering
Dave Pohl, County Commissioner

Minutes & Agenda: Member Miller made the motion, supported by Member Droste to approve the agenda and the minutes of the October 3rd regular meeting. Motion carried.

Appointments: None.

Guests:

Deputy Dan Spitzley of the Clinton County Sheriff's Department provided the Council with an update of enforcement issues within Clinton County. The Sheriff's Department has received increased funding for secondary patrols within the County.

David Pohl, County Commissioner, provided the Council with an update concerning issues the County is addressing. Issues included adopting the County's 2023 operating budget, the County-wide broadband initiative to make internet access available throughout the County, review of the County's fee schedule and an update on the County Road Commission building.

Brant Mercer, of Fleis and Vandenbrink, updated the Council with the status of various aspects of the water main improvement project. The Council reviewed options regarding financing of the project vs the cost of the project. The Council decided to proceed with the entirety of Phase #1 of the project, including two alternate portions. Discussion was had regarding financing of the project and limitations on funds available through the State of Michigan Drinking Water Revolving Fund. The Village reviewed financing projections for various bonds/loans. A final decision regarding financing was not made.

Water: Discussion of the status of the Village's water system continues. See comments above. In anticipation of upcoming and future repairs, and in accordance with the requirements of the financing program through the State of Michigan's Drinking Water State Revolving Fund, the Village will be implementing an increase in water and sewer rates. The rates will be:

Water – base rate: \$24.60 per quarter
Water – usage rate: \$2.25 per 1,000 gallons
Sewer – flat rate: \$23.80 per month (\$71.40 per quarter)

Sewer: Please refer to the section on Water, above regarding new rates for sewer.

Financial: Expenditures made during the previous month were presented and reviewed. A motion to approve all invoices was made by Member Schmitt, supported by Member Smith. Motion carried.

Building & Zoning: A request has been received for rezoning of property at the address of 201 School Street. Member Pivarnik made a motion, supported by Member Schmitt, to refer the request to the Planning Commission for review.

Discussion was had regarding the re-zoning of parcels of land within the Village to allow continued development. The Council will ask the Planning Commission to review the zoning and make appropriate recommendations for re-zoning. There are currently multiple zoning issues to be reviewed which may result in changes to the Village's Zoning Ordinance and/or Zoning Map. In the event changes are recommended, appropriate notices will be sent to residents and published, as required by Michigan statutes.

Streets: No new business.

Community Service: No new business.

Planning Commission:

The Planning Commission is currently addressing several issues, including:

- The possibility of a new sign at Droste Park
- Enhancements to the facebook page for the Village's Cruise-In
- Zoning issues, as requested by Village Council
- Additional recreational opportunities/facilities within the Village

Next Planning Commission meeting will be on Monday, December 5, 2022, at 6:00p.m.

DPW: DPW received notice that the new backhoe has been built and will be delivered. Discussion was had regarding disposal of the previous unit.

Administrative Issues: No new business.

Next Council Meeting:

- Regular Meeting: Monday, December 5, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment: Motion made by Member Smith, supported by Member Droste. Motion carried.